## AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 SECTION 1511 CERTIFICATION

Friends of the Santa Clara River
Hedrick Ranch Nature Area Wetland and Riparian Restoration Project
Project No.: C-06-6966-110
Agreement No.: 08-353-550

The authorized representative of the State Water Board hereby certifies, and/or affirms that the Hedrick Ranch Nature Area Wetland and Riparian Restoration Project (Project) has received the full review and vetting required by law and that such representative accepts responsibility that the Project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Subject to the provisions of the Financing Agreement, the following general description is provided in order to comply with Section 1511 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA):

- Project description: The Project, commonly known as Hedrick Ranch Nature Area Wetland and Riparian Restoration, generally consists of restoring 36 acres of riparian and wetland habitat between up-slope agricultural areas and the Santa Clara River within the 230-acre Hedrick Ranch Nature Area, which is under the permanent stewardship of the Friends of the Santa Clara River. The project area was used as a pasture until 1998. This Project will remove invasive exotic plants and reintroduce native riparian and wetland plants. Plantings in abandoned agricultural drainage ditches on the site will trap sediment, filling in the ditches and raising the local water table, allowing the adjacent wetlands to be restored. The restored wetlands will remove pollutants from agricultural runoff before they reach the river. The Project will also increase habitat for wildlife, including endangered species.
- Estimated total cost of the Project: eight hundred thirty-seven thousand, two hundred fifty-six dollars and no cents (\$837,256)
- Type of assistance: full principal forgiveness
- Estimated amount of ARRA funds to be used: one hundred sixty-five thousand, eighteen dollars and no cents (\$165,018)

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Date: )/6/09